(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) and (e) There is no such proposal.

Investment by PIOs in aviation sector

1660. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL:
SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to media report captioned, "PIOs will get more; benefit";

(b) if so, whether Government would consider permitting seriously Persons of Indian Origin to invest upto 100 per cent in aviation sector, including domestic airlines; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL POLICY AND PROMOTION, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) In terms of the existing regulatory frame-work specific to the Civil Aviation sector, Persons of Indian Origin are allowed to invest in the equity stake.

Reopening of ancient trade links with China

1661. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Arunachal Pradesh Government propose to reopen ancient trade links with China from certian strategic locations;

(b) if so, the details and the status thereof;

(c) whether such type of trade routes are also proposed to be opened with Myanmar and Bhutan;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) how far this would help to improve the economy of the NE region?